Liberalising Import of Textile Machinery

†397, SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to liberalise the import of textile machinery;

(b) if so, whether there is any scheme to co-ordinate new and traditional technique;

(c) whether domestic textiles machinery manufacturing company is unable to meet the demand; and

(d) whether Government propose to set-up any joint venture by establishing co-ordination between Indian and foreign manufacturing companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (d) The Government has already liberalized to import of textile machinery as all machinery (new and second hand) is allowed to be imported under OGL. The domestic textile machinery manufacturing companies have already increased their production substantially and are gearing up to further increase their capacity to meet the demand. Setting up of joint venture in the area of Textile machinery is allowed freely either through automatic route or through Foreign Investment Promotion Board.

Pending Proposals of Textile Industry from Assam

398. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals received from the State of Assam for development of textile lying pending with Government;

(b) the details thereof; and

(c) the action being taken taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) The number of proposals pending

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with Government of India for development of textile sector in the Assam are as under:—

SI. Sector No.	Name of Scheme	Pending proposals
1. Handlooms	Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana(DDHPY)	4
	Marketing Promotion Programme	8
2. Handicrafts	Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana	2
	Design & Technical Upgradation Scheme	20
	Marketing Support & Services Scheme	20
	Special Handicrafts Training Programme (SHTP)	16

(c) The pending proposals are being considered on merit as per guidelines of the Schemes, subject to availability of funds.

New Textile Policy

399. PROF. MM. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any new textile policy in the country;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (c) The National Textile Policy was announced in November, 2000 and thereafter the Government has not formulated any new Textile Policy.

Bids for Running NTC Mills as Joint Venture

400. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state: